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*"Believe In Dreams"*



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*Left to Right: Preston Billingham, Norma J. Hines, MWAGM, Kenneth H. Billingham, MWGP, Lynn C. Billingham, MWGM and Josephine Moore.*



# Most Worthy Grand Matron's Message



*Dear Sisters and Brothers,*

It is with humility and a deep sense of commitment that I accept this high honor you have bestowed upon me to serve as your MWGM. Your love, support and faith, I pray are with me during this year and with our Heavenly Father guiding and directing my footsteps I feel confident that in the discharge of my duties we will have a successful year.

I can't believe it has been six years since this journey to the Grand East began. When I was elected during the 2012 Grand Session I took you on my Rainbow adventure. Our Love of the Order was our first step; Religion reminded us of the Star we follow; Nature with its' bright sun tells us that it is important to refresh ourselves daily; Immortality let's us know that although sadness occurs, we know to Believe in the Lord; Fidelity teaches us that we need to be true to ourselves and others; Patriotism teaches us that our devotion to our country is essential in all we do; last but not least is Service, this is what we should be doing as members of our Order. I am now at the step where I find my Pot of Gold. Legend tells us that this is not easy to find . . . as it has a tendency to move as we get closer. My hope is that by years' end I will be able to find my Pot of Gold. I am sure with the support of our members throughout this year this will be accomplished.

We have planned a variety of events during the year that all are invited to participate in. I would also ask you to support your chapter and district events throughout the year. Our chapters and districts, unfortunately, are becoming smaller which is why all members need to be actively involved in what is being done. Throughout the journal are articles relating to some of these events but keep checking the website for other during the year.

Our installation was just beautiful. Mary Gynn did an excellent processional and Diana Affsa, Jr. PGM did

the ritual part to perfection. The officers looked great carrying their starfish pillows (I hear a pillow fight is scheduled for 2019), made by my Worthy Grand Marshal Pat Hoagland. As we walked toward the East and the waves made by the emblem bearers, it "shorely" was a shore event. The theme of the year is "Believe in Dreams"; our aim "Let the voice of the sea speak to our souls, bringing unity to our Order"; our motto

Faith to believe in yourself and always follow your dreams"; and our watchwords are Faith, Peace & Love, with respect to one another.

This year I am having the station of Esther as my honor station, in memory of my dearest friend Debbie Papparello. She served as Worthy Grand Esther for Sister Rita and Brother Gene during the 2000-2001 year. It will be her crown that she wore during that year that I will be wearing this year.

In closing, we need as members to take the time each day to think of what we were taught, what it means as we serve this beautiful Order, what it means to us in our daily lives. As we continue to move forward to build this Order, to see growth, to continue with changes that will bring us into the 21st Century, I CHALLENGE each and everyone of you to not speak dishonorably of our sisters or brothers, not to preform any unfairness or inconsideration toward each other, TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER no matter how difficult it may be. REMEMBERING we have seen his Star and we should always be following this Star in all we do. ❖

*Believe In Dreams*

*Lynn C. Billingham*

*Most Worthy Grand Matron, 2018-2019*





# Most Worthy Grand Patron's Message



*Dear Sisters and Brothers,*

**I**t's with great pride that I thank the Grand body for the honor you have conferred upon me, electing me as your M.W.G.P. I am humbled by the great trust you have given me and with the help of my Sisters and Brothers I will perform the duties of this office to the best of my ability.

The Heroines of our Order are shining examples of adhering to one's own plumb line, even at the cost of splendor and riches, and sometimes at the cost of one's very life. Our Order gives us the privilege and pleasure of meeting together in peace and harmony with like-minded Sisters and Brothers. Here, we share with each other our thoughts and concerns, and enjoy Fellowship second to none.

The lessons of our Order teach us that our Chapters are an oasis of peace, where harmony prevails and where no harm or hurt should ever come to any Sister or Brother. Nor should any Sister or Brother be subjected to slander, berating or other vulgarities.

Yet, Harmony does not mean that we are in perfect agreement with each other all the time. We can—and do—hold divergent opinions on various issues. We can disagree, but not be disagreeable; and we can use those divergent opinions to formulate the best way to meet whatever challenges may be facing us.

Harmony does mean that we are non-judgmental, non-confrontational, tolerant, peace loving; that we respect each other and accept and appreciate each other just as we are.

NJ OES has an exciting future. With the dedication of those who have gone before us, the continued enthusiasm exhibited in just the past few months and the implementation of our Plan of Action, New Jersey is entering upon a new age of growth and prosperity providing we practice the principles on which it stands. Be part of the growth by asking you relatives, friends, fellow church worshiper, to be a part of this, the largest Woman organization in the world. Your leadership of the state and chapter can't do it alone.

It will take all of us getting out of our comfort zone and talking up to our neighbors, friends and coworkers the charity work OES does, inspiring them to consider joining with us in this labor of love,

Yes, we have our ritual which is the center of the principles on which we stand, and what this country needs more of that which binds us together. ❖

*Fraternally,*

*Kenneth H. Billingham*

*Most Worthy Grand Patron, 2018-2019*

## Keystone Chapter #69 OES



Keystone Chapter #69 OES, Linwood, NJ held a Tribute Night, February 2, 2018, honoring the Right Worthy Grand Conductresses and Right Worthy Grand Trustees.

Following the meeting, a reception with a Valentine's Day theme was held. Pictured around a cake, which welcomed them (titles on 2/2/18) in photo. Left to right: Norma Hines – Right Worthy Grand Conductress and Daria Hamm – Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress, Right Worthy Grand Trustees, Joanne Byrne, Jeannette Wallace, and Sharon Rosequist.

Brothers and Sisters in attendance were appreciative of the life messages and OES lessons that were shared. The speeches, spoken from the heart,

were motivational and enlightening. The chapter was filled with feelings of friendliness, happiness, and compassion. It was indeed a pleasure to share the evening.



# Greetings From the Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron



*Dear Sisters and Brothers,*

**I**hese past few years have gone by quickly. It really doesn't seem that long ago that I sat down and wrote my first message to you as Right Worthy Grand Trustee and now I find that I am serving as your Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron. I thank you . . . the membership . . . for your confidence in me.

As I serve this year and prepare for the next, I have found myself reflecting on leadership. What makes a good leader? How can I learn what it takes to be a good and effective leader? When people think of leaders they often think of their boss, the head of their chapter or an elected official like the President. There was a time in my life when I would have never believed that I could be a leader. I viewed myself as a follower, someone who was just part of the masses. Over the years, however, I have come to believe that everyone and yes, that means you . . . is a leader.

Whether you're the leader of a country, the leader of your chapter or the leader of your family, if you are inspiring others then you are a leader. Trust, I believe, is one of the most important aspects of leadership. Without trust, it is very difficult to inspire others to follow and learn from you.

So, to help us all become better leaders I want to share with you three ways to build trust that I found in the "Little Book with 50 Big Ideas on Leadership" by Glenn Furuya. It's called "The Three "Rity". I was struck by the fact that these principals go hand and hand with the principals of our order. Three words that end in the letters "rity" form the basis for trust.

## **ChaRITY**

People will trust you when they "feel" your selfless giving ways. With charity, they trust your "heart."

## **ClaRITY**

People trust leaders who provide a clear vision, relevant instruction and good information. With clarity, they trust your "head."

## **IntegRITY**

People trust leaders who walk their talk, live their beliefs and keep their promises. With integrity, they trust your "character" and your "word."

Whether we hold a title or not, these are qualities that we should use day to day with our sisters and brothers as well as the people we deal with every day in our lives.

Which "RITY" do you need to work on?

I ask when you return to your chapter this fall, return with a heart full of love and excitement. I urge you to try new things, visit other chapters, encourage and support each other, share and invite your friends to open functions, talk it up, but most importantly. . . "Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another . . . and all the more as you see the Day approaching." Hebrews 10:25.

I know that I'm looking forward to the future and have a vision for 2020. Do you have 20/20 vision? ♦

*With Love From Your Sister,  
Norma J. Hines  
Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron*

## **THANK YOU**

Dear Eastern Star Charity Foundation,

Thank you so much for the opportunity you have given me! To receive this Scholarship means the world to me because college is such a financial burden and to be able to have extra help is so incredible. Your association is such an awesome program and I pray you continue doing great work. Thank you again!

Madison Rydholm,  
Scholarship recipient



## *From the Desk of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary*

*Hi Everyone,*

Again I have the opportunity to reach out to all members, especially the Secretaries and Treasurers, past and present. Such a wonderful way to greet you through the Eastern Star Journal.

Each year back in the office, I have tried to work on something different. This past year the Computer Committee has been working very hard on our membership files. Since we have been doing everything on the computer, we are now putting our old files in the computer, to make it easier to find our members from years past. This will be take some time doing, but at the end so much easier to look up. The committee was also able to put together a manual for our e-Tapestry program. This year I am looking to update our Secretaries Manual which is an important part of your Secretaries responsibilities. Being a Chapter Secretary there are so many different things that they need to be aware of, that the manual is something that can be looked at, at any time for help.

This year we have many new Secretaries, who will need to be trained on the e-Tapestry program. Grand Chapter Office will have two workshops during the year, and will have a question time during the two Secretaries and Treasurers meetings this year. The first meeting will be held on Saturday, September 8th at 10:30 a.m. and the second meeting on Saturday, February 9th at 10:30 a.m. Sister Gail and I look forward to greeting you all at this time. If you are unable to make the workshops, please contact Grand Chapter Office to find out more information about the program. Our MWGM will be in attendance and will be happy to answer any questions regarding the law.



New Jersey now has only forty-four Chapters. We lost three Chapters last year due to loss of membership and not being able to have quorums to conduct our meetings. We need to strive to bring new members to our Order and look to the future.

The Annual Luncheon/Meeting at Grand Session this year was successful. I thank those who came out and supported the Association. The Officers for the New Year are: President Patti L. Rhinesmith, PGM, RWGS; Sister Gail Naia, RWGT; Secretary

Janet Wells, PGO; and Treasurer Michele Hess, PGM. Sister Alice Good, PGM will be our Chaplain for the year and Linda Thibault, PGO will be handling our Sunshine. If anyone is aware of any sickness or distress, please contact Sister Linda.

As in the past, if any Chapter Secretary is in need of supplies during the year, please continue to request them with an order form if possible or through emails. I will continue to help save Chapter postage by delivering them when we attend a special evening in your Chapter or District.

To all Chapter Secretaries, I look forward to working with each of you. If there is anything you need or have any questions on, I'm only a phone call away.

Congratulations to Sister Lynn, and Brother Ken as you serve this year in our Grand East.

Always "Sparkle from within" and "Remember to Let the Peacefulness of Snow and the Spirit of Christmas be with you always". ❖

*Love with Happiness,*

*Patti L. Rhinesmith, PGM  
RW Grand Secretary*

## **Traveling Stars Luncheon May 23rd – Bally's Casino, Atlantic City**







## *Right Worthy Grand Treasurer*



### *Why I Belong to Star.*

I could start by saying it is in my blood as my father was a Mason and my Mother an Eastern Star. I was a Rainbow Girl with many fond memories; I joined as a shy teenager and grew confidence in myself. I joined Star at 18 years and enjoyed the Sisterhood of women with a large span of ages. I left it behind for a few years, busy with marriage and having babies. I knew I was missing something and got active again.

More importantly, I belong to Star for many more reasons. Reasons that should entice any woman of any age to join Star.

Star is a Sisterhood (and Brotherhood), which I truly learned as it became a support system when life took a different course and I raised my daughters on my own. Star was a safe, comfortable place to be. My little girls enjoyed the Bazaars, Dinners, Teas, Day Trips, etc. They especially enjoyed the attention they got from their Star family.

Star is Charity and caring for others, even if it is just the sending of cards, making calls & visits, raising prayers,

raising funds, raising the Hopes for those in need. We deliver meals, make doctor visits or just lend an ear.

Star is Patriotism for me. How often would I Pledge Allegiance to my flag and sing the National Anthem if I did not belong to Star? Our Chapters recognize Memorial Day, Flag Day, and Veterans Day.

Star is like-minded companions. Although we welcome a myriad of personalities, creeds and religions, we all subscribe to the belief in a Supreme Being in our Petition for Membership. We each have our own political leanings which we leave to another venue. In our chapter rooms we find a comfortable, social network of friends. For those who travel within their district, they increase their friends circle into the other chapters. I have great sense of social enjoyment as I travel the state and a very large circle of Star friends. I have Star friends I play cards with, go to lunch with and just talk and laugh with. I have cried with Star friends and that has made for an even richer appreciation of the benefits of belonging to Star.

Think of why you belong to Star and share with family and friends. Have a petition ready. We need more people like us. ❖

*\*love,*

*Gail Naia, Right Worthy Grand Treasurer*

## **Sister Lynn & Brother Ken's Special Project "Breast Cancer Awareness"**

**Submitted by Sister Ruth Ann Hoyt, PGO  
Special Project State Chairman**

Sister Lynn and Brother Ken have chosen "Breast Cancer Awareness" as their Special Project this year. This project is In Memory of Sister Debbie (Fusco) Paperalla, a very dear friend of Sister Lynn and Brother Ken, and a very dedicated Eastern Star member. Sister Debbie fought and lost her long and courageous battle with breast cancer.

Sister Lynn has designated the station of Esther as her honor station in memory of Sister Debbie, who served as Grand Esther In 2000-2001 for Sister Rita Birne and Bro. Gene Merrill.

As State Chairman this year for this Special Project, I have asked my appointed District Chairman to have a fundraising project, i.e. luncheon, tea, dinner, raffle, etc. to benefit this worthy cause. My hope is that the members of each district will support its respective district project so that we can be a part of the fight against Breast Cancer.

Also, Sister Lynn has made a quilt that we will be raffling off as part of this project as well. Each District Chairperson will have those chances available for each Chapter Chairperson. A picture of the quilt will be made available to each District and Chapter Chairperson.

The proceeds of our efforts will be distributed to The Healing Consciousness Foundation, who promote healing and empowering breast cancer patients and also to the Susan G. Komen For the Cure.

Breast Cancer is the most common non-skin cancer among American Women. One in eight women will develop invasive breast cancer during her lifetime. Let's do our part to help in this most worthy cause.



## Right Worthy Grand Conductress



*Greetings to my sisters and brothers:*

I want to thank the membership for your continued support as I start the next step in my adventure to the Grand East, continuing to represent you the membership.

My Personal goal is one of Remembering the Past and looking to the Future as we continue to try different ideas

hoping to make the organization grow & prosper.

To the Conductresses I wish you a great year and

hope you along with me make their initiation memorable, allowing them to return to their chapters with enthusiasm for the order. Know that I am always available to you and look forward to getting to know you better as do all members of the elected line. It is through your input that we the elected line look to make the changes to our organization that, your thoughts and ideas are valuable and important to us. Remember each and every member is an important piece in the growth of our organization. ❖

*In Star Love,*

*Daria Hamm,*

*Right Worthy Grand Conductress*

## Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress

*Greetings from the South, with My Eyes on the North!*

It seems only yesterday I was elected by the membership to serve as Right Worthy Grand Trustee, and now I find myself sitting in the Grand North! I look forward to preparing candidates, and to working with Sister Daria, our Right Worthy Grand Conductress, as we conduct the candidates through the ceremony of Initiation.

While we were lined up for the procession into Installation at Grand Session, I overheard a couple who were passing by. The woman was responding, "Oh, they are female Masons!", to an inquiry about who all these people were in long white. At a recent fundraiser for my chapter, the common question was, "What's Eastern Star?". How do you answer that question? The Corporate Board took steps last year to help answer that question, by formu-



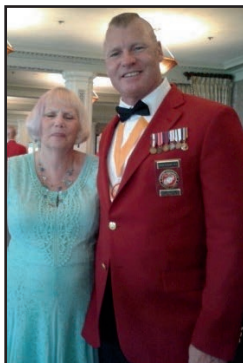
lating a Mission Statement. You may have seen it on our website. "Coming Together in Fraternity and Faith, for Philanthropy, Fellowship, and Fun." It is my hope that we can do more to establish the public face of Eastern Star—having a presence in our local communities that will have people say, "Oh, Eastern Star! They do good works! They are great people! I'd like to be one of them!"

Let's not hide our light under a bushel, but "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works" (Matthew 5:16). I look forward to traveling around the state this year, following the light of His Star.. ❖

*Fraternally,*

*Jeannette Wallace,*

*Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress*



## Marine of the Year

*John Cleary son of Linda Kaplarczuk GO of Nutley #121 has received The Marine of the Year North East Division of National Marine Corp League. John is also a detective with Carlstadt PD.*





## Yoh Ho Ye Mates 2018-19 State Copper Privateers



**Privateer for Sister  
Lynn (MWGM)**

We have been licensed to attack and seize all coinage and paper money, along with broken and unwanted jewels for her treasure chest. We have been empowered to issue pardons in their name for mistakes and faux pas; please see Sister Candy (GO) in the Dining Room for your pardon. Also in the dining room Brother Gary (GO) will collect a bounty to keep Privateer Candy from singing to the membership! For only One Dollar offering from each dinner guest, Privateer Gary will insure Privateer Candy will surrender her yearning to singing. PLEASE sisters and brothers this is one thing you do not want to ever hear!! Privateer Candy has caused many pirate ships to surrender just by belting out a single song!

Now for those attending the first two District Meetings the Privateers have seized two wayward souls, forcing them into servitude for Our Star. Sister Debbie Diem Martin, GO will be forced into servitude for Sister Candy and Brother Fred Martin, GO will be stand-in for Brother Gary's

work. They will be doing the work so don't forget to see them. OR my mates, when we return there will be many walking the plank!

After the District Meeting we will be selling chances on a tin of cookies from one of Stars favorite cookie makers, chances on a canvas print to be chanced off at each district and several other items will be for sale! We hope to make this a fun year in Copper and look forward to loading the coffers for this Grand Year!

Your Official Star Privateers;

Candy B Moore, GO & Gary N Moore Sr, GO



**Privateer for Brother Ken  
(MWGP)**

## Grand Representative Association of NJ

### *Greetings from the Grand Representative Association of NJ*

My name is Candace "Candy" Walling and it is my pleasure to serve as President of the Grand Representative Association of New Jersey for 2018 – 2019.

I am happy to greet our members, and to welcome all the newly appointed Grand Representatives. Having been a Grand Representative I can tell you from my own experience it is something you will remember for the rest of your life. If you are not a member of our Association, please contact our Secretary, Sister Judy Brown, or your District Ambassador for information to join our Association. Our dues are \$5.00 per year.

The Association meets twice a year, the first Saturday in October, and the last Saturday in February which is our annual meeting. Our next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, October 6, 2018 and will be held at Burlington Masonic Lodge, Route 541, Burlington, NJ. Our meeting begins at

11:00 AM, with lunch at noon. October is when we entertain the Rainbow Girls. This year we will be celebrating "Fall Festival". The Fall newsletter will have more information. It is my hope that you will join us at the October meeting.

Congratulations to Sister Lynn C. Billingham, Most Worthy Grand Matron, and a past president of our association, and Brother Kenneth H. Billingham, Most Worthy Grand Patron on your installation. May this year be all that you dreamed of. The association looks forward to working with you this year.

I look forward to greeting you as I travel around the state this year. Please come up and say hi.

In Star Love and Friendship,  
Candace Walling  
President  
2018-2019



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO JOIN

LYNN & KEN

AT THE

# **COLORS OF FALL BALL**

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\$50 PER PERSON

CASH BAR

DINE DANCE AND ENJOY THE MUSIC OF

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# COLORS OF FALL BALL

Order of the Eastern Star of New Jersey

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November 10, 2018

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HAMILTON, NEW JERSEY

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## **Golf Outing 2018, Mays Landing Country Club** **Submitted by Gail Naia, RWG Treasurer**



While the Golfers played on the beautiful links, the non-golfers chose a couple of the many possibilities and went shopping at Lenox and/or wine tasting at Balic Winery. It was a lovely day of sociability and fun for all. There were 10 golfers, and another 30 who enjoyed an out-door picnic tent dinner and awards ceremony, with a lot of good natured ribbing. Even non-golfers enjoyed the Putting Contest. We realized proceeds of \$1,100 with thanks to the Golfers, Non-Golfers, 21 Chapters and 9 Lodges along with individuals who sponsored Holes. Chairmen Wil & Joanne Parsels beat the bushes to increase the number of golfers. Special thanks go to our Masonic brothers who brought their clubs 125 miles to Mays Landing. The day was priceless in calculating the comradery and fun, but we do need more golfers to continue to make this a financially successful event in the future.



# COLORS OF FALL

RESERVATION FORM

\$50 per person

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MEMO: FALL BALL  
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If you wish to reserve a table, (8, 10 OR 12)  
Please have one person reserve the table and list all who  
will be seated there  
Each person may send in their own check



# Spirit of Christmas





# *Believe In Dreams*







## *New Jersey Eastern Star Home*



Hello Everyone,

I hope all of you are well into the start of a great summer. It was a pleasure seeing many of you at Grand Session and at our Annual Delegate's Meeting on June 2nd at the New Jersey Eastern Star Home. Your participation and support of our Home, in activities and meetings is an invaluable asset. We, either individually or as part of a group, have the power to make a difference in another's life every day! My sincere thanks to all who have taken that opportunity to benefit our Home and our residents.

The New Jersey Eastern Star Home continues to expand its reputation as a quality care provider. We are working to increase our business connections with area professionals as an opportunity to serve common clients. We have recently partnered with University Orthopaedic Associates in Somerset as their orthopaedic surgeons are increasing the number of surgeries they are doing at our local hospital, RWJ Barnabus at Somerset. Additionally, we have been exchanging information and service opportunities with several new stand-alone Assisted Living Facilities in our geographic area to discuss serving patients that would benefit from the care and services provided by both facilities, obviously at different points in time.

The Nursing Home/Rehab business continues to be very competitive in our market area. We must be diligent in maintaining high standards in the provision of rehab services, nursing care, activities, quality personnel, first-class accommodations and marketing initiatives.

The Nursing Home industry has been undergoing massive regulatory changes, the most significant revisions/additions since the early nineties. Effective October of 2016, we have been undergoing a three (3) phase compliance requirement that effects a broad range of nursing home services including,

but not limited to: resident's rights, pharmacy, behavioral healthcare, infection control and trauma care. These changes have required new policy and program development. Phases 1 and 2 have already been implemented. The last round of changes will be implemented by November of 2019.

I would like to repeat, once again, that the New Jersey Eastern Star Home now has contracts with several health insurance companies. If you are anticipating the need for a rehab stay at the Home, post hospitalization, please be advised that we now have contracts with the following insurance companies:

Horizon BCBS, Amerigroup, AmeriHealth, Cigna Healthcare, Clover, Consumer Health Network (CHN), Intergroup Services Corporation, MultiPlan-PHCS

It is important to note that although we have contracts with the above stated companies, all plans within a given company may not be applicable to a stay at New Jersey Eastern Star Home; therefore, if you need services, please contact the Director of Admissions at 908-722-4140.

In closing, I'd like to extend many thanks to the Chapters, Charity Foundation and numerous individuals who have been sending in donations to help us with the purchasing of recliners and televisions for our residents!!! We are well on our way to furnishing many resident rooms with a comfortable place to rest, relax and recoup as they "recline".

As always, I invite you to come to the Home for a visit. Please stop in and say hello. If we have never met, I would welcome meeting you and I or one of my colleagues would be available to answer any questions about the New Jersey Eastern Star Home that you may have. Have a wonderful summer. My best to all!

*Sincerely,  
Diane Baldwin, Administrator*



## District 39 Hosts NJ OES Home Residents at Picnic

Thursday, June 14th was a beautiful day to have a picnic and that's just what District #39 did. This annual event, organized by Sister Betty Lanka, was held at Host Lodge in High Bridge and attended by residents of our Eastern Star Home and members of District #39.

The dining room was decorated in red, white and blue in celebration of Flag Day. Small bundles of balloons were placed in the middle of each table surrounded by various Beanie Babies that were given to each Home resident attendee. Everyone in attendance was given a ribbon pin-on made by Sister Aki Decker.



Those attending dined on home-made picnic foods such as hot dogs, deviled eggs, potato salad, baked beans and of course, yummy desserts. After lunch, Sister Linda Dixon of Hobart Chapter lead the group in a sing-along of patriotic songs and old favorites accompanied on guitar by Sister Ann Wright of Northern Chapter #38. It was a wonderful time for friendship, fellowship and strengthening the ties that bind. District

39 is the proud home of six sister Chapters: Northern #38, Delaware #50, Hobart #63, Pearl #79, Starlight #107, and Stewart #166.

## SPECIAL THANK YOU Operation Shoebox Submitted by Elaine M. Dukin, GO



On behalf of Sister Elaine Stanton, PGO and myself we would like to thank all the members and chapters for your support this past year. We are pleased to announce that 2,033 service hours were accomplished and our Jr. PGM Sr. Diana Affsa and Jr. PGP Emil Affsa graciously added to what was earned through sales and donations. NJ OES was pleased to present a check to Operation Shoebox for \$8,000.00

Part of our service hours were accomplished by a group of our Eastern Star Home Residents. "Finderne's Finest". These ladies get together once a month with Sr. Elaine and Br. Larry Dukin to fold socks; count and bag q-tips; bag razors; and stuff sandwich bags of candy. In 2 hours with this last visit on June 20th these fine ladies bagged 419 bags of candy, folded 127 pairs of socks, and bagged 123 bags of razors all with 2 hours.

Thank you to all who donated, worked at the warehouse, participated in the raffle, purchased pretzels, got outside donations our Servicemen and women greatly appreciate it.





# New Jersey Eastern Star Home, Inc.

## TREE OF LIFE LEAVES

### 1. DONOR INFORMATION

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

CHAPTER: \_\_\_\_\_ NO# \_\_\_\_\_ DISTRICT # \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT INFORMATION

Complete only if you wish the Home to send an acknowledgement of your donation.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

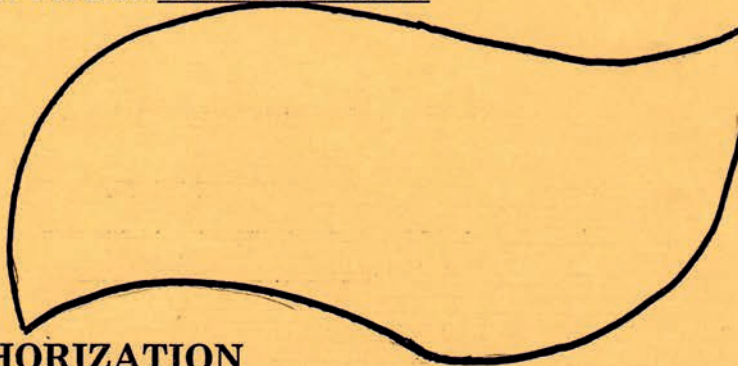
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. ENGRAVING INFORMATION

In the space below is an exact size outline of the leaf.

PRINT or TYPE the EXACT LETTERING



### 4. AUTHORIZATION

I hereby authorize the N.J. Eastern Star Home, Inc. to engrave one leaf as directed above  
And to attach it to their *TREE OF LIFE*.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your \$500 check payable  
New Jersey Eastern Star Home, Inc.  
111 Finderne Ave.  
Bridgewater, NJ 08807



**New Jersey Eastern Star Home, Inc.**

## TREE OF LIFE ROCKS

**1. DONOR INFORMATION**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_ No# \_\_\_\_\_ DIST. \_\_\_\_\_

**2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT INFORMATION**  
Complete only if you wish the Home to send an acknowledgement of your donation.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

**3. ENGRAVING INFORMATION (see reverse side)**  
ROCK IS A BRASS PLATE MOUNTED ON A BRONZE BACKGROUND. SHAPES OF ROCKS WILL VARY SLIGHTLY.

**4. AUTHORIZATION**  
I hereby authorize the NJ Eastern Star Home, Inc. to engrave one rock as indicated above and to attach it to their TREE OF LIFE.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_


*\$1000.00*  
Please make check payable to: NJ Eastern Star Home, 111 Funderne Avenue  
Bridgewater, NJ 08907 (908) 723-4140

PRINT or TYPE THE EXACT LETTERING (Maximum of 3 lines)

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## Life Skills Grants New Jersey Eastern Star Charity Foundation

The Charity Foundation's Life Skills Grant is misunderstood, underutilized, and still available!

This special little guy is ready and waiting just for you – a transitioning person building better job skills, an employee seeking certifications to maintain status, or someone seeking a new career who needs to update computer or other skills.

A Life Skills Grant applicant must be a member in good standing, in some financial need, who is taking classes to better their employment opportunities. It is not meant for one pursuing a college degree at any level.

The Life Skills Grant is awarded in an amount up to \$1500.00, and a qualified applicant may request a second Grant after the successful completion of the first course taken. These are paid directly to the qualified applicant.

To request this Grant, one must complete the application which is available online ([www.NJOES.com](http://www.NJOES.com), click on the "ES Charity Foundation" banner). Any required paperwork and information must be provided with the application when submitted to the committee chairman.

Kathleen Zielinski, Life Skills Grant Chairman  
15 Saddle Drive  
Mt. Laurel, NJ 08054  
[zielinski@writeme.com](mailto:zielinski@writeme.com)







## New Jersey Eastern Star Home Annual Meeting

*I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer vacation.*

*At our Annual Meeting of the Delegates, which was held on Saturday, June 2, 2018, we did not have a representative from every Chapter. Out of 44 Chapters we only had 35 represented. I hope that next year we might have 100% participation. Remember that If your Delegate or Alternates can't make the meeting the Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron or Associate Matron can come in their place to represent your Chapter. The Districts having 100% representation were District 32, 35, 37 and 39 In order to keep each Chapter informed as to what is going on at our Home it is important that either the Delegate, Alternates, Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron or the Associate Matron is in attendance, so they can in turn take information about our Home back to their Chapters. I want to thank everyone that attended the Delegates Annual Meeting, the Board of Directors and our Home appreciate it.*

*Congratulations to the Directors that were elected at our Delegate meeting to a three-year term, Sister Brenda Daniels, Sister Susan Foster, PGO, Sister Deborah Lynn LeDoux, PGO, Sister Carole R. Moore, PGM and Sister Diane D. Schmolze, PGM. Sister Lynn Billingham, MWGM, Brother Ken Billingham, MWGP and Sister Norma Hines, RWAGM are serving our Board as Ex. Officio members. To all the Board of Directors, of our Eastern Star Home, thank you for all your hard work and hours that you put into you committee and our Home, it is greatly appreciated.*

*After the Annual Meeting the Board of Directors held their reorganization meeting at which time the following were elected, Sister Deborah Lynn LeDoux, PGO, President; Sister Susan Foster, PGO, Vice President; Sister Rosalinda Frascati, PGO, Secretary; Sister Alice Carter-Mead, PGO, Asst. Secretary; Sister Carole R. Moore, PGM, Treasurer and Sister Susan Whitty, PGO, Asst. Treasurer. We look forward to serving on this Board as we all work for the good of our Eastern Star Home.*

*We are presently requesting donations to purchase recliners for each room and replacement Televisions. When making a donation please make your check payable to the "New Jersey Eastern Star Home, Inc.", and in the memo portion designate where you would like the donation to go and forward to Sister Carole Moore, PGM, Treasurer of our Home Board. All donations made to our Home are tax deductible.*

*We have a state of the art Rehabilitation Unit and hope that you will consider our facility should you or someone you know need our services.*

*We want to thank everyone that volunteers their time to visit, play games, do crafts, hold a meeting, sponsor a summer picnic or host other activities. The Board of Directors and the Home thanks you for your dedication to our residence and our Home. I would also like to thank our Administrator, Diane Baldwin and her staff for their dedication and service to our residents. We have received many letters from family members of residents, thanking the Home for the dedication and the care given to their loved ones.*

*When planning for the future, you may not only be thinking about how to help your family, but also how you might benefit one or more charitable organizations. A Charitable bequest is one of the easiest gifts to make. You can create a bequest of any dollar amount. When you are preparing your will please think about including our Eastern Star Home.*

*The Tree of Life is back up and is breathtaking. If you haven't seen it, make sure you check it out the next time you are at the Eastern Star Home. Forms can be obtained by contacting our Home at 908-722-4140. Leaves are \$500.00, and a rock is \$1000.00.*

*To all our members we want to thank you for your continued support to our residents and our Home.*

*In Star Love,  
Deborah Lynn LeDoux, PGO, President*

## Philadelphia Shriners Children Hospital

Thanks to the generous members of the New Jersey Order of the Eastern Star, \$20,000.00 was given to the Philadelphia Shriners Children Hospital, at their open Board Meeting on Thursday, June 21, 2018.

*Pictured from left to right:*

*Robert DiCarlo, Donor Relations Chair, Shriners Hospitals for Children, Board of Governors; Diana D. Affsa, Jr Past Grand Matron; Emil Affsa, Jr. Past Grand Patron; Stephanie Herron, Chief Development Officer, Shriners Hospitals for Children; and Jon Swartz, Esq., Chairman, Shriners Hospitals for Children, Board of Governors.*







## Eastern Star Charity Foundation of NJ, Inc. Scholarships

The Eastern Star Charity Foundation of New Jersey, Inc will award in the Spring of 2019, scholarships each of which will be a four- year scholarship. Each recipient must be a member, daughter/son, granddaughter/grandson, or niece/nephew of a member in good standing with the Order of the Eastern Star of NJ, who will be a graduating high school senior or related equivalent as of June 2019 entering an accredited college or university in the Fall of 2019.

We will also award a Nursing/Allied Health Scholarship for up to four years in the Spring of 2019. This scholarship is for a member, daughter/son, granddaughter/grandson, or niece/nephew of a member in good standing of the Order of the Eastern Star of NJ who desires to pursue or complete a degree program in nursing or any allied health field.

Please contact Sister Linda Penin, GO, at 24 Kimble Court, Pompton Plains, NJ 07444 (phone 201-602-7412) before the deadline of February 1st, 2019 for an application.



*Our recipients this year were:*

- **Ashley Meyer**  
Nursing/Allied Scholarship  
Bloomsberg University  
**Sponsor**  
Jane Burger, PGO, Grandmother  
Bordentown Chapter No. 257

- **Madison Rydholm**  
Rowan University  
**Sponsor**  
Nancy Rydholm, Great Aunt  
Ocean Chapter No. 217

- **Quian Cooper**  
Seton Hall University  
**Sponsor**  
Carol Johnson, Great Aunt  
Alpha Chapter No. 288

## It Was Picnic Time in the 39th District

*Submitted by Elaine M. Dukin, GO*

Once again the 39th District hosted several residents from the Eastern Star Home to a picnic at Host Lodge (Hobart Chapter) on Thursday June 14th. It's a district yearly event. Under the leadership of Sr. Betty Lanka, PGO she arranged for members of the district to provide homemade goodies. There were deviled eggs, pickled eggs, all kinds of salads, baked beans, jello, chips, and deserts of all kinds. Let's not forget our tasty hot dogs (grilled by Sr. Marlene Hoffman PGM) to round out our picnic.

The tables were decorated in true patriotic fashion on this Flag Day and certainly no one went home hungry. We had approximately 12 residents from the home and 16 from the district. Each resident received a stuffed animal (beanie baby) to take as a reminder of the day. To add to our enjoyment Sr. Ann Wright, PGO and Sr. Linda Dickson, PGO lead us in a sing along with Sr. Ann playing her guitar.

Thanks to all for cooking; setting up; cleaning up; driving; assisting our residents on and off the bus and with getting their plates. What a great way to start the summer. A great time was had by all.





## Linda Percy, PGO Dewey Chapter #155



As many times as, I have been Worthy Matron, is the amount of times I have donated my hair towards real-hair wigs for cancer patients.

I have been a member for 25 years in Eastern Star this year and 5 times Worthy Matron, 3 times PGO

Up until the previous donation I used to give my hair to Locks of Love, but a couple of people informed me that they charge for the wigs they make. This time around I did some research and there are several companies out there and the one I liked best was Beautiful Lengths by Pantene. One of the nicer things about their program is that they only require 8 inches of hair, where others I had to donate 13 inches each time (once 15 inches because the hair stylist thought it would be "nice" if she braided my hair before cutting it) When thinking about doing a hair donation, research the different companies and then when you do decide on one that is right for you. PLEASE read and follow their instructions. For more information go to [Pantene.com](http://Pantene.com) and Click on the Beautiful Lengths tab.

## Stanley "Jersey" Carr



Stanley "Jersey" Carr took a Safe Food Handling Class with the Atlantic County DRT taught by Southern Regional EDS Coordinator John Ryan. After speaking with John and researching, The Salvation Army's mission, Stan decided he wanted to get involved.

"In today's world we need more people to take time to help their fellow human beings regardless of their station or current situation," Stan said. "It does me good to be of #service to those in need."

Stan has deployed on three separate occasions. During the first deployment, he spent over a week in Florida. On the second and third deployments he went to Puerto Rico, to aid in recovery after the devastation from the Hurricane Season.

Stan shared a moving story from one of his deployments to Puerto Rico. While in Homestead, Florida, during Hurricane Irma, Stan was driving through the community for the second day in a row, when he met a gentleman who ran a local soup kitchen. The gentleman did not have enough food to feed those in need, and on

that day Stan's canteen was loaded with 1,200 meals. After receiving permission from the Operations team, Stan was able to stock the gentleman's depleted kitchen, which enabled him to continue his mission of feed those in need. Stan was so happy that he and his EDS team was able to provide the gentleman with food for over a week.

"I am honored that The Salvation Army has put me in a leadership role as Atlantic County Emergency Disaster Coordinator," Stan said.

"After struggling for years with my relationship with God, I have found Him through my work with The Salvation Army. If you give of yourself to help others, it will benefit you tremendously. I encourage everyone to get involved. We all have talents that when shared can change the course of someone else's life."

Stan's fiancée Dawn is a member of his EDS team. When Stan is not volunteering with the Army, he spends his time as Master Mason, Member of Unity Lodge #96 F&AM of Mays Landing NJ and a member of The Order of the Eastern Star of NJ, Dewey Chapter #155 Egg Harbor City, NJ. He has also been serving on his township Land Use Board since 2012, and he is a certified Animal Control Officer and Animal Cruelty Investigator in N.J.

## THE TREE OF LIFE



*The Tree of Life is back up and is breathtaking.*

The Tree of Life is up and if you haven't seen it, make sure you check it out the next time you visit at our Eastern Star Home. It is on display by the main dinning room. I want to thank Diane Baldwin for all her help and thank the membership for their patience.

Leaves and Rocks can be purchased and personalized for the Tree of Life. This is an effective and beautiful way to recognize members, chapters, groups, friends and loved ones. Leaves can be purchased for \$500 and Rocks for \$1,000. To purchase leaves or a rock fill out the form, make check payable to NJ Eastern Star Home, Inc. and mail to NJ Eastern Star Home, 111 Finderne Avenue, Bridgewater, NJ 08807. If you have any questions you can call the NJ Eastern Star Home or ask any Home Board Director.

To all our members we want to thank you for your continued support to our residents and our Home.

In Star Love,  
Deborah Lynn LeDoux, PGO,  
President  
NJ Eastern Star Board of Directors

## In Memoriam

*Betty Jane Matejkowski, PGM*  
*June 19, 1930–March 28, 2018*

*Stanley Matejkowski, PGP*  
*May 11, 1926–July 14, 2018*  
*MWGM & MWGP 1987–1988*

*Members of Gloria #159 & Wall #143*  
*Fraternal Parents of Bethlehem #40, Tuckerton #54,*  
*and Wall #143*

*Gath'ring shells of precious beauty,  
Upon our sun warmed sands,  
Walking on the shores of duty  
Guided by God's great hand.*



Everyone's Mother – a proud Marine. The end of an era. We are saddened by the loss of Betty Jane and 3 ½ months later her Stanley.

We will carry memories with us of a loving couple, dedicated to each other, their family, and their beloved Eastern Star. Many are privileged for the happy, funny, and sometimes tough love moments. The very touching moments the night Betty Jane received her 50 yr pin when Stanley sang to her "Melody of Love" in Polish. Remembering Betty Jane's admonition to have a Petition in your pocket, and the jokes Stanley pulled out of his pocket. Stanley was the epitome of a Worthy Patron and a Grand Patron, as he always stood by the lady at his side. Betty Jane remained steadfast in her support of her Eastern Star to the very end. They are sent off together into the sunset on the sands of time to continue to gather those shells of precious beauty.





## NEBRASKA GRAND SESSION

In Star Love, Diane D. Schmolze, PGM and Linda Penin, GR of Nebraska



*Linda and Friend Carolyn*



*Linda and Diane at Archway Monument*



*Linda, GR of Nebraska, Anita Sohm, WGM, Carol Millander, GR of NJ*

Having served as the Grand Representative of Nebraska from 1995 through 1997, I was excited when Sister Linda Penin received her commission to Nebraska. When Sister Linda asked me if I would like to accompany her to her Grand Session, I responded with a resounding “YES!”

On May 7, 2018 we left from LaGuardia Airport with a stop-over in Chicago, then resumed our flight to Lincoln, Nebraska. We picked up our rental car and drove about 130 miles to Kearney.

The hotel and convention center were attached by a walkway, so it was a very convenient venue.

Sister Linda had a rehearsal, so we met with her counterpart, Sister Carol Millander, did a little shopping with the vendors, and went to a restaurant to eat.

The “God Bless America” Grand Session was a vision of Red, White and Blue with patriotic symbols gracing the Grand East. They included buntings with lights, a replica of the Statue of Liberty, an open bible with the scripture from Psalms 33:12 “Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord” with a sculpture of an eagle standing next to it, and an array of stars, stripes and flags. On either side of the Grand East were screens depicting USA Patriotic events and scenes.

We enjoyed the membership Banquet, Grand Representatives’ breakfast and Distinguished guests luncheon where we mingled and met with other members and visitors to Nebraska. It was with pride, that I watched Sister Linda march with the New Jersey state flag and take part in the drills. I applauded as she was presented and was honored to be presented as both a Past Most Worthy Grand Matron and former Grand Representative of Nebraska. I was also able to meet with the Worthy Grand Matron who signed my commission as well as the Worthy Grand Matron who presided at the Session I attended in 1997.

I can attest to the fact that Sister Linda thoroughly enjoyed her visit as she constantly remarked on how she was welcomed in Nebraska and what a wonderful experience it was.

While this was a walk down memory lane for me, the highlight the trip for Sister Linda was when she was able to meet with her lifelong friend, neighbor and college mate Carolyn and her husband Warren Bey. Sister Linda was a member of their

bridal party, but they moved to Wisconsin and after corresponding, planned a reunion that was well overdue. It was an 8 hour drive for them to Kearney, but a testimony to their friendship. They had not seen each other in 48 years.

You couldn’t help but get caught up in the moment when they first laid eyes on each other. It was an emotional fairytale come true for them. don’t think I have ever seen Linda so excited and thrilled and I can honestly say that I am honored to have witnessed their reunion and to have shared spending the day with them.

We took time to visit the Great Platte River Archway Monument, which is a museum of and monument to Nebraska’s and the Platte River valley’s role in westward expansion. The Archway is directly over Interstate 80 three miles east of Kearney, Nebraska.

We gave into decadence when we visited a Culver’s Ice Cream chain store where we had our ice cream sundaes built according to our own specifications and visited Yanney Heritage Park, a beautiful complex where we were able to sit and relax and enjoy each other’s company.

While every jurisdiction has its own traditions and certainly General Grand Chapter varies a deal from New Jersey, the most outstanding difference was the fact that Sister Linda’s counterpart, Carol, the Grand Representative of New Jersey is not a Past Matron.

What a wonderful experience. We encourage all Grand Representatives to share in this exciting venture.



*Grand East “God Bless America” Grand Session*



## **Sister Debbie Morrison: A Tribute to a Shining Star**

**Submitted by Adair Ruane, PGO, Gloria Chapter#159, District #35**

I first met Sister Deborah (“Debbie”) Morrison in March 2008 when she was initiated into Gloria Chapter # 159, District # 35 in Toms River with three other Sisters. We instantly became friends. We were both the same age, unattached professional women and homeowners. Our personalities may have been a little different, but we “clicked” nevertheless.

Debbie’s first office was the station of Adah and mine was Associate Conductress. The next year Debbie ran for Associate Conductress and we learned together going up the line to become Worthy Matron.

Debbie’s personality really came to life when she was Worthy Matron. She chose Brother Bill Tompkins to be her Worthy Patron. She followed the Ritual but had her own ideas for filling the meetings. Debbie’s saying was “Sing like you’re in the shower and no one is home”. So, after the singing of the Opening Ode and National Anthem, bars of soap were given to those in the chapter room who sang the loudest. Also, if you had a Petition in your purse, you would get \$10! Her meetings were fun and unpredictable and everyone came to see what Debbie had planned.

Debbie was amazed at how many Sisters and Brothers had been in Eastern Star for some 30 plus years and had given such dedication. Debbie came up with an idea to honor them. Her Bible Scripture was Galatians 5:9: “Be not weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap.” From this scripture Debbie went to a trophy awards store and had them design a “Be Not Weary” award complete with the recipient’s name engraved on it. Each meeting Sister Debbie would call an officer or member of Gloria Chapter to the West and present them with their “Be Not Weary” award. Debbie would give a synopsis of their service in the chapter and gave them much deserved recognition. Debbie was always lavish in her praise of others. Everyone loved receiving these awards and proudly displayed the awards in their homes.

Debbie was a great animal lover and at the beginning of her Worthy Matron year all officers and members were given a small stuffed animal to be their own. Debbie created a contest, complete with

a list of rules, for any participant to take pictures of themselves and their stuffed animal on outings throughout the year. At the end of the year the participants displayed their pictures on a poster board and a winner was judged by an impartial judge. The winner received a pair of orchestra section tickets to the Broadway musical “The Lion King”! Debbie had paid for the tickets and this is only one example of her generosity.

At the end of my year as Worthy Matron, Debbie presented me with an autographed baseball bat by my favorite baseball player who I had met at nine years old, Bill Monbouquette of the Boston Red Sox. I will cherish it forever.

When Sister JoAnn Bingenheimer and Brother Don Robinson were MWGM and MWGP they gave Grand Representative commissions to myself and Debbie. Debbie became Grand Representative of Arkansas in New Jersey in January 2016.

The Grand Session for Arkansas was held in Little Rock, Arkansas from December 6 to 8, 2016. I went with Debbie as her traveling pal. We had a fantastic time. I had never been to such a friendly city in my whole life. Debbie’s counterpart, Sister Ann Hooper, was a delight. I am so happy that we enjoyed that time together.

In May 2017 Debbie began having health issues with falls and seizures. Debbie was hospitalized and within two weeks was diagnosed with lung cancer. Debbie fought a year long battle and passed away June 1, 2018. We in Eastern Star do miss her smiling face and exuberant personality. May Debbie find rest with the Lord and may memories of Debbie comfort her son and daughter, sister and brother, many relatives and friends who all loved her.





## **CAPS**

### **(Chapters Assisting Preemies and People)**

**Submitted by Roberta Russell, State Chairperson**

The Grand Chapter's CAPS program is continuing to support many worthwhile organizations throughout the state.

This past year many hours were dedicated to crocheting/knitting thousands of caps, blankets, prayer squares, mittens, booties, pillowcases and scarves. We even had blankets made for animal shelters.

The donations were sent to various organizations such as: hospitals, Churches, Cancer Centers, Food Pantries and animal welfare associations. A special request was received from the Lehigh Valley Hospital, in Easton, Pennsylvania. They had a special request for pastel colored receiving blankets for babies in the NICU who would not make it through child birth. These blankets were used so that the mothers and fathers were able to hold their baby one last time, and they were able to keep the blankets in memory of their child. We were able to provide Lehigh Valley with a dozen of these blankets.

In addition to the NICU units at various hospitals, we found additional needs for the Caps. Not only were preemie caps made, larger caps for cancer/aid patients were also requested. We now make several sizes of hats to distribute to these various organizations.

For the 2017-2018 Grand Chapter year over 5,000 caps were distributed; along with over 400 blankets, booties, mittens, pillowcases and prayer squares.

The following organizations received donations from the CAPS program: Geisinger Medical Center; Moun-tain-side Hospital; St. Joseph's Hospital; Holy Name Hospital; Englewood Hospital; YMCA; Lehigh Valley

Hospital; Trinitas Hospital; Jersey Shore Medical Center; Atlanticare NIC Unit; Inspira Health Network; Shore Memorial Hospital; Virtua Hospital; Camden County Cancer; Capital Health System; Newton Memorial Hospital; Morristown Medical Center; Interfaith Food Pantry; First Presbyterian Church; Redeemer Church; and Animal Welfare Association.

If you know of any organization that could use caps, blankets, etc. please feel free to let your District Chairperson know. We are trying to distribute the donations within your own Districts.

If anyone is interested in supporting this Grand Chapter activity, please feel free to contact your District Chairperson. They have the various patterns for the caps, blankets, etc.

District 31 – Sandy Lind, Stella Chapter No. 20

District 32 – Joan Davis, Tilden Chapter No. 59

District 33 – Denise McCarthy, Atlas Chapter No. 99

District 34 – Jeanne Gionfriddo, Ocean Chapter

No. 214

District 35 – Dana Ivan, Bethlehem Chapter No. 40

District 36 – Rose Tesoroni, Shekinah Chapter No. 82

District 37 – Joan Smith, Fairview Chapter No. 219

District 38 – Margaret Abdill, Beverly Maqueda

Chapter No. 276

District 39 – Larry Dukin, Pearl Chapter No. 79

It is our hope that the 2018-2019 will be another rewarding year for the CAPS program.

## **Traveling to Celebrate Birthdays**

**Submitted by Dale and Mike Van Houten**

**Co-chairman for Volunteer Services to the Masonic Home 2018-2019**

For those that do not know what the Volunteer Services to the Masonic Home is all about, let us explain.

The State Chairman asks for a volunteer from each district to serve as their district chair. We assign a month or two to each district. They will then ask for a couple of volunteers to attend the home with them and celebrate the residents having birthdays in that month.

Our contact from the home will send a list of the people celebrating birthdays in that month along with a list of possible gift items to place into the gift bags.

Bro. Mike, WP and I are Co-Chairman for Volunteer Services to the Masonic Home. We had the privilege of celebrating the May and June Birthdays for the residents. Our granddaughter Lily Roach, 10 years old, filled all 38 bags for us to bring to the Masonic Home for the residents.


The gift bags included a pen, toothbrush, a pack of pocket tissues, a comb and a small container with a lid in each bag. We sang happy birthday and the residents so very much enjoyed it. (even though I/Dale cannot sing)

Mike and I had the privilege of celebrating a 100th birthday of a gentleman in the home. Then we had the pleasure of going to the hospital to meet our great niece of 2 days old. And being able to experience this all in one day made us realize how timeless age is.

We just imagined what this man had seen and experienced in his 100 years and wonder what our niece will see in her years to come.

If you have the opportunity, to serve on this committee, we know that by saying yes, it will give you a very heartwarming experience. As it did for us.



October 2018						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> 5¢ if are retired. 25¢ if you still work.	<b>2</b> 5¢ for every cabinet door in your kitchen	<b>3</b> 10¢ for every phone in your home	<b>4</b> 10¢ if you have a computer in your home. 25¢ if you have more than one.	<b>5</b> 10¢ if you have the MWGM's pin of the year. 25¢ if you don't.	<b>6</b> 10¢ if you went to an Eastern Star meeting this week. 25¢ if you did not.
<b>7</b> 5¢ if you went to church. 25¢ if you didn't.	<b>8</b> <i>Columbus Day Celebrated</i> 25¢ if you had off from work today. 10¢ if had to work.	<b>9</b> 5¢ for every cup of coffee you had today.	<b>10</b> 5¢ for every room in your home	<b>11</b> 25¢ if you have a cell phone and know how to use it	<b>12 The Real Columbus Day</b> 10¢ for every pair of shoes you own.	<b>13</b> 10¢ if you went to an Eastern Star meeting this week. 25¢ if you did not.
<b>14</b> 5¢ if you went to church. 25¢ if you didn't.	<b>15</b> 10¢ for every child and grandchild you have	<b>16</b> 10¢ for every window in your home.	<b>17</b> 25¢ if you have a wedding anniversary this month	<b>18</b> 10¢ if you visited a homebound sister or brother this month. 25¢ if you didn't.	<b>19</b> 50¢ if you ate out any day this week. 25¢ if you ate home every day.	<b>20</b> 10¢ if you went to an Eastern Star meeting this week. 25¢ if you did not.
<b>21</b> 5¢ if you went to church. 25¢ if you didn't.	<b>22</b> 10¢ for every door in your home.	<b>23</b> 10¢ if you raked leaves this month. 25¢ if you did not.	<b>24</b> 10¢ if you substituted at a chapter not your own this month. 25¢ if you didn't.	<b>25</b> 25¢ if you have a birthday this month	<b>26</b> 10¢ if you decorated your home for Halloween. 25¢ if you did not.	<b>27</b> 10¢ if you went to an Eastern Star meeting this week. 25¢ if you did not.
<b>28</b> 5¢ if you went to church. 25¢ if you didn't.	<b>29</b> 25¢ if you went to the doctor this month. 50¢ if you didn't	<b>30</b> 5¢ for each piece of Halloween candy you ate before giving it out tomorrow!!	<b>31 Halloween</b> 1¢ for every Trick or Treater that came to your door!			

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